

MINUTES

INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OCTOBER 28, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Welp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Conference Center Room 1, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

Board Members Present:

Ralph Welp, D.V.M. – Chairman
Dawn Frank, D.V.M. – Vice Chairman
Richard Headley, D.V.M.
Patricia Kovach, D.V.M.
Robin Waltz, D.V.M.
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

Board Members Absent:

Susan Pedigo, R.V.T.
Frank Andrews, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Heather Hollcraft, Case Manager, Professional Licensing Agency
Phillip Thompson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

FRANK/KOVACH
Motion carried 5-0-0

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the July 29, 2009 meeting of the Board.

FRANK/KOVACH
Motion carried 5-0-0

IV. APPEARANCES

A. PROBATION

1. Todd Cooney, D.V.M., License No. 24004650

Administrative Cause No. 2005 VB 0007

Dr. Cooney appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his ongoing probationary status. Dr. Cooney stated things are going well and feels everything is in order. The Board has not received his September AA report. He indicated it was sent this week. The Board is also in need of his supervisor's report by the end of the month from Dr. Moore and from Rick Gustafson, ACSW, LCSW. He stated he attended a meeting in Savannah, Georgia and is now practicing nearly 100% homeopathy medicine within his practice. The Board is pleased with his progress. State counsel advised Dr. Cooney that he can petition for withdraw of probation on May 25, 2010. Dr. Cooney's next probationary appearance is scheduled for January 27, 2010.

B. APPLICATION

1. Abigail Mari Clarkson, R.V.T.

Ms. Clarkson appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding her application for registration. Ms. Clarkson is a 2008 graduate from Parkland College and has taken and passed the Veterinary Technician National Examination on June 20, 2008. She answered yes to question number 4 asking "Are you now being, or have you ever been treated for drug or alcohol abuse?" Ms. Clarkson stated that she entered into the intensive outpatient program at St. Vincent's Stress Center in Indianapolis from November 2004 to February 2004 for substance abuse. As a minor she had difficulty growing up. She was treated for multi-substance abuse for marijuana, various pills and cocaine. She was discharged with a clean bill of health. Ms. Clarkson attended NA meetings for two years but no longer attends. Another issue, Ms. Clarkson stated on her application that she was employed as a veterinary technician at Log Cabin Animal Hospital in Indianapolis from May 2008 to June 2008 and Franklin Animal clinic in Franklin from June 2008 to the present time. She did not apply for registration until July 28, 2009. According to IC 25-38.1-4-11 you commit a Class A misdemeanor if a person knowingly acts as a registered veterinary technician without a registration. Ms. Clarkson stated that she has been working as a veterinary assistant and not as a veterinary technician.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Clarkson a veterinary technician registration upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

FRANK/HEADLEY

Motion carried 5-0-0

2. Jennifer Lee Kollock, R.V.T.

Ms. Kollock appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding her application for licensure. Ms. Kollock is a 2000 graduate of Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology and has taken and passed the Veterinary

Technology Examination on June 16, 2000. She is currently licensed in the state of Illinois. Ms. Kollock stated on her application that she was employed as a veterinary technician at Indiana Veterinary Specialists from May 2007 to April 2008 and as an instructor at Indiana Business College, that s now Harrison College, from May 2007 to the present? She did not apply for registration in the State of Indiana until February 17, 2009. She had applied in February of 2007 but her file became abandon after one year due to not submitting all of the required documentation. Ms. Kollock was also employed in the states of Maryland and Oregon but she stated that she was not registered, certified or licensed in those state due to no requirement. According to their websites they do require a license, registration or certification. According to IC 25-38.1-4-11 you commit a Class A misdemeanor if a person knowingly acts as a registered veterinary technician without a registration in the State of Indiana. Ms. Kollock is currently teaching microbiology, medical terminology and anatomy. She only teaches skills on mannequins for injections. She was hired under contract at Harrison College under the condition she obtain her veterinary technician registration within six months of hire. The school is aware that she has not done this and has been requesting her to obtain her registration. When questioned about not obtaining a registration in the states of Maryland and Oregon, she said her employers did not require her to obtain a state registration. She currently holds an active license in the state of Illinois. Indiana law states she needs a registration in Indiana if she is "acting as a registered veterinary technician". The Board concluded that teaching is not acting as a registered veterinary technician.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Kollock a veterinary technician registration upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

HEADLEY/KOVACH

Motion carried 5-0-0

3. Julie Michelle Mohr, R.V.T.

Ms. Mohr appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding her application for licensure. Ms. Mohr was a registered veterinary technician in the State of Indiana but failed to renew her registration during the 2004 renewal cycle. Based upon the current statute, Ms. Mohr is required to reapply for registration after five years. She has presented a new application and documentation. Ms. Mohr has been practicing in Indiana without a current registration since January 2004. Ms. Mohr was originally licensed in the State of Indiana in 1998. Ms. Mohr is a 1988 graduate from Purdue University and passed the Veterinary Technology National Examination on January 6, 1988. She stated her husband, Dr. Bryan Mohr, failed to renew her registration as he is the one that pays the bills. The Board reminded Ms. Mohr that it is her responsibility to keep her registration current. Ms. Mohr stated that she has been completing continuing education as required during the expiration of her registration.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Mohr a veterinary technician registration upon successfully completing the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

FRANK/KOVACH
Motion carried 5-0-0

4. Matthew Shannon Parker, D.V.M.

Dr. Parker appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his application for licensure. Dr. Parker is a 2004 graduate of Auburn University and has successfully passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination in November 2003. He is currently licensed in the state of Kentucky. He answered yes to question number 5B asking "Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state?" He explained that in the fall of 2001 he had been out drinking with friends. He was arrested for public lewdness after urinating in a parking lot. He has never had any problems with drugs or alcohol. This was an isolated incident.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Parker a veterinary license upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

HEADLEY/FRANK
Motion carried 5-0-0

5. Jon David Skinner, D.V.M

Dr. Skinner appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his application for licensure. Dr. Skinner is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University and has successfully passed the NBE and CCT in 1995. He answered yes to question number 4, 5B and 6 asking "Are you now being, or have you ever been treated for drug or alcohol abuse", "Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state", and "Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?" He stated that in 1984 he was charged with minor in possession of alcohol when he was 17. This incident occurred in Troy, Michigan. Dr. Skinner was treated for alcohol abuse during July of 1988. The treatment was at the Henry Ford Hospital/Maple Grove Center for Chemical Dependency. Dr. Skinner stated he has been sober since May of 1990 and has had no alcohol since July 2000. Dr. Skinner attended AA meetings but continued to abuse alcohol another two years after treatment. At that time, he decided to quit on his own. In response to question 6 regarding a malpractice action, Dr. Skinner stated that he was practicing in Michigan with a large animal and equine veterinarian. In 2005 Dr. Skinner treated a quarter horse for colic. The tube was inserted into the lung instead of the stomach. The horse died on October 25, 2005. He settled with the owner for \$27,000. Dr. Skinner claims he has been sober since May 1990 and has had no alcohol whatsoever since July 2000. He is now married with two children. His current practice location is in

Summerset, Michigan and they currently practice in the states of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. He assures the Board he will not be back before them due to alcohol or drugs and that he no longer practices equine medicine; he strictly practices on dairy animals.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Skinner a veterinary license upon successful completion of the Indiana jurisprudence examination.

HEADLEY/Fran
Motion carried 5-0-0

C RENEWAL

1. Robert David Brunner, D.V.M.

Dr. Brunner appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding a positive response on his renewal application. He answered yes to question "Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?" He explained that in February 2008 he was pulled over in Hamilton County for an illegal lane change and has been charged with a Class C misdemeanor, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He had a B.A.C. of .08. At this time, charges are pending and his driver's license has been suspended for six months. His attorney, Bruce Bojem, has suggested he speak with Ms. Candace Backer with the Veterinary Well-Being Program. Dr. Brunner agreed to a probationary license.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Brunner's renewal of licensure on probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Brunner's veterinary medical license will be renewed on indefinite probation. Dr. Brunner may apply to withdraw the probation from his Indiana veterinary license after the Hamilton County criminal proceedings, including any alcohol assessment or imposed probationary terms, are completed.
2. Dr. Brunner shall provide to the Board with a copy of any drug or alcohol assessment prepared as a result of his DUI proceedings in Hamilton County.
3. Dr. Brunner must make personal appearances before the Board once every three months or when directed by the Board while his veterinary license is on probation.
4. Dr. Brunner's veterinary license shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:
 - a) Dr. Brunner shall keep the Board informed of his residential address and telephone number at all times.
 - b) Dr. Brunner shall keep the Board informed of his place of employment's address and telephone number at all times.
 - c) Dr. Brunner must comply with the terms, if any, imposed by the Hamilton County Court resulting from his DUI charges and inform the Board immediately if he does not.
 - d) Dr. Brunner shall not violate any laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine.

5. The failure of Dr. Brunner to comply with the terms of this order may subject him to a show cause hearing and the imposition of further sanctions.

HEADLEY/WALTZ
Motion carried 5-0-0

2. Andrew Allan Catey, D.V.M.

Dr. Catey appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding a positive response on his renewal application. He answered yes to the question "Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?" He explained that in October 2007 he pled guilty to a Class A misdemeanor. He had a B.A.C. of .16. He was put on one year probation and ordered to pay a fine, complete eighty hours of community service and attend an alcohol abuse program. Dr. Catey completed all court requirements in 2008. He stated this was his first and only offense. He currently owns a small animal practice in Angola, Indiana that has been in business for twenty five years. Dr. Catey employs one associate veterinarian.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Catey's veterinary license renewal.

WALTZ/HEADLEY
Motion carried 5-0-0

3. Daniel J. Crowe, D.V.M.

Dr. Crowe appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding a positive response on his renewal application. He answered yes to the question "Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?" He explained that on January 30, 2008 he was charged with driving under the influence. He had a B.A.C. of .13. Dr. Crowe was required to complete one year probation, spend forty eight hours in Carroll County jail, pay fines and fees, driving privileges were suspended for 90 days, OWI probationary license for 180 days and complete an alcohol abuse program. Dr. Crowe currently works in a small animal practice with a mobile facility that also serves small animals and equine. The Board requested copies of court completion paperwork. He assures the Board he will not be back due to the embarrassment and humbling experience this has been both personally and professionally.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Crowe's veterinary license renewal once paperwork showing completion of court requirements is received by the Board.

WALTZ/KOVACH
Motion carried 4-0-1
*Dr. Frank did not participate

4. Patricia R.S. Makowski, D.V.M.

Dr. Makowski appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding a positive response on her renewal application. She answered yes to the question asking "Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?" She explained that in January 2008, a female dog was presented to the clinic with a two week duration of straining to defecate, lethargy, poor appetite and abdominal pain. Radiographs and lab work revealed a possible mass in the anterior abdomen. Exploratory surgery revealed a nine centimeter mass. An associate veterinarian removed the mass and the spleen from the dog. They discovered the mass had adhered to other organs as well. The owner elected euthanasia. The clinic sent specimens to Purdue University for examination after the dog was euthanized. It was found at that time a piece of surgical sponge was left inside the dog during a previous spay surgery performed by Dr. Makowski. The clinic's insurance company settled with the owners of the dog in the amount of \$600.00 to recover the cost of replacing the dog with a new puppy, spaying the puppy and vaccinations. The owners were satisfied with this settlement and still use Dr. Makowski as their veterinarian. Dr. Makowski states she has learned to keep better patient records and she now counts surgical supplies before and after each surgery.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Makowski's veterinary license renewal.

WALTZ/KOVACH
Motion carried 5-0-0

5. Scott McDonald, D.V.M.

Dr. McDonald appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding a positive response on his renewal application. He answered yes to the question asking "Since you last renewed, has any Health Profession license, certificate, registration or permit you hold been disciplined or are formal charges pending?" He explained that his license in the state of Washington is currently on probation for a period of two years, concluding in February 2010, due to record keeping. According to the Washington probationary order, he must notify the state with his itinerary thirty days prior to him practicing in that state. Iowa has also placed his license on probation with similar requirements and fined him \$500.00. Dr. McDonald stated he has corrected his record keeping. He now keeps pet bird records for individual birds and herd records for specialty cases. He is an aviary veterinarian that only practices on pet birds. His practice is limited to routine physical examination, grooming, surgical sexing of birds to determine gender and reproductive health, and implanting microchips. His practice is mobile in nature and he is currently licensed in twelve states.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. McDonald's veterinary license renewal.

WELP/KOVACH
Motion carried 5-0-0

6. Elena M. Pederson, D.V.M.

Dr. Pederson withdrew her veterinary renewal.

7. Bruce Arthur Preston, D.V.M.

Dr. Preston appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding a positive response on his renewal application. He answered yes to the question asking "Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?" He explained that in March 2008, while on his way to a canine rehabilitation continuing education conference in Florida, he was pulled over and charged with driving under the influence and possession of a handgun while intoxicated. He currently has a handgun permit in Indiana with reciprocity in Tennessee. In March of 2008 he plead guilty and was placed on probation with the following terms: Forfeiture of a weapon and \$100.00 fine and court cost totaling \$358.50 regarding the weapon violation. For the DUI: Suspension of his drivers license for 1 year; completion of DUI school, completion of a drug and alcohol assessment and a \$350.00 fine and court costs totaling \$941.00. The requirements of the sentencing and probation were completed by July 8, 2009 and the case was closed his probation officer, Valerie Richards. Dr. Preston had just taken a position with Dr. Sally Osborn of Greens Fork Animal Hospital in January 2008. An Agreement was made between Dr. Osborn and Dr. Preston which included every aspect of his life including where he would reside, work schedule, meeting of financial obligations, regular sessions with a mental health professional, etc. To this date he has complied and managed to remain sober. He continues to reside in the apartment housed within the Animal Hospital. Dr. Preston is a self-admitted recovering alcoholic. He attends AA meetings regularly and has a sobriety date of March 15, 2008. Dr. Preston state that he sought treatment in October 2007 at Wishard Hospital for detox. He was sober for 6 months. When asked why his employer kept him, he told the Board that the facility is located in a small town and they have trouble keeping veterinarians employed.

Board action: The Board asked Dr. Preston to complete an alcohol assessment prior to taking any action on his renewal application. Dr. Preston will be rescheduled to appear at the December 2, 2009 meeting with the assessment. Dr. Preston will be able to continue to practice until his appearance on December 2, 2009 when a final decision will be made regarding the renewal of his license.

8. Kim Marie Nash-Hart, D.V.M.

Dr. Nash-Hart appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding her license being expired more than three years. Her Indiana license has been expired since October 15, 2005. According to Indiana Code 25-1-8-6(d) the Board must request a personal appearance and to determine whether the practitioner is required to complete such remediation and additional training as deemed appropriate by the Board given the lapse of time involved. Dr. Nash-Hart currently works for Hill's Pet Nutrition as a territorial sales manager. She advises on nutrition for pets to animal hospitals in the state of Michigan. She has also failed to renew her Michigan license. Dr. Nash-Hart has submitted her completed renewal application, the \$250.00 renewal fee and eighty hours of continuing education certificates.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Nash-Hart's veterinary license renewal.

FRANKS/KOVACH
Motion carried 5-0-0

V. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE HEARING

A. RE: LSA Document #08-678

Re: Investigative Fund

Parties and Counsel Present:

No Public present for the Hearing
Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana
Sherry Rutledge, Court Reporter

Board Members Present:

Ralph Welp, D.V.M. – Chairman
Dawn Frank, D.V.M. – Vice Chairman
Richard Headley, D.V.M.
Patricia Kovach, D.V.M.
Robin Waltz, D.V.M.
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Heather Hollcraft, Case Manager, Professional Licensing Agency
Phillip Thompson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Summary: The proposed rule would establish a fee for veterinarians and veterinary technicians of not more than \$10 per year for the issuance or renewal of a license or registration to fund the investigative fund established by IC 25-38.1-2-19. The purpose of the fee is to administer and enforce IC 25-38.1 including investigating and taking action against person who violation IC 25-38.1. No public testimony was offered. There was no testimony from the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to adopt LSA Document #08-678.

HEADLEY/FRANK
Motion carried 5-0-0
*Dr. Marsh could no vote

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A. Brenton Arihood, D.V.M., License No. 240003071A

Administrative Cause No. 2009 VB 0001

Re: Complaint

Parties and Counsel Present:

Respondent was present and represented by Mark Mannis
Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana
Sherry Rutledge, Court Reporter

Board Members Present:

Ralph Welp, D.V.M. – Chairman
Dawn Frank, D.V.M. – Vice Chairman
Richard Headley, D.V.M.
Patricia Kovach, D.V.M.
Robin Waltz, D.V.M.
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Heather Hollcraft, Case Manager, Professional Licensing Agency
Phillip Thompson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Case Summary: Respondent appeared before the Board regarding the settlement agreement. Mr. Mader opened for the State by stating the Attorney General's Office has an agreement with Respondent. In summary, the agreement has the doctor's license being put on indefinite probation for a minimum of five years, he must keep the Board apprised of his personal information, employment, work title and schedule, he must complete twenty contact hours of continuing education in the areas of proper anesthesia practice and proper medical record keeping with proof of completion sent to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, he must make quarterly appearances at which time he must provide proof of compliance, he may request frequency modification after two years, he must shadow two veterinarians for two full days in the first six months of probation, sign a liability waiver in which he will present to the Board at his first personal appearance with the Board and agree to pay for a transcript of the agreement. Mr. Mannis reiterated the agreement summary and feels it is a good agreement for Respondent. The State feels it covers the needs for the Board and the State of Indiana. They have noticed a positive change in Respondent since this has began and may be on the road to an improvement in his practice. Respondent indicated he has complete records and knows what the Board is looking for in documentation. He has had this practice for forty years and did not realize what trouble could come of not keeping more detailed patient records. He states he has learned he has to protect himself in his practice. Respondent will contact Purdue University regarding the shadowing. The Board requested that the continuing education required by the probationary order also include "surgical advances and techniques". Mr. Mader stated the order could be modified to include the Boards request. Respondent and counsel agreed as well.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the modified Agreement with the following terms and conditions:

Respondent's Indiana veterinary license shall be placed on indefinite probation. Respondent may petition the Board for withdrawal of said probation after five (5) years of successful compliance with the terms his probation.

1. During the Probationary period, Respondent's license shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:

- a. Respondent shall keep the Board apprised of his home address, mailing address, and residential telephone number at all times;
 - b. Respondent shall keep the Board apprised of his place of employment and employment telephone number at all times;
 - c. Respondent shall keep the Board informed of his occupation title, work schedule, including the number of hours worked at all times;
 - d. In addition to the biennial continuing education requirements, Respondent shall take twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education in the areas of proper medical record keeping, surgical advances and techniques, and proper anesthesia practices during the first six (6) months of his probation and shall provide proof of same to the Board in care of Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
 - e. Respondent shall make quarterly appearances before the Board for the length of his probation. At said appearances, Respondent shall present all documentation relating to his practice as requested by Board. After two (2) years of successful compliance with his probationary terms, Respondent may request modification of this provision to make his personal appearances before the Board less frequently.
 - f. Respondent shall shadow two (2) veterinarians in the Lafayette, Indiana vicinity for two (2) full days within the first six (6) months of probation.
 - g. Respondent shall create a waiver of liability and have clients sign said waiver when clients are acting against the professional advice of the practitioner. Respondent shall submit this waiver at his first personal appearance before Board.
2. Respondent agrees to pay for a copy of the transcript of the presentation of this Agreement to Board.
 3. It is further agreed that any information received by any other regulatory agency that indicates non-compliance with the statutes or regulations regarding the competent practice of Veterinary Medicine or a violation of this Final Order, may result in the State requesting an emergency suspension of Respondent's license, as well as possible reinstatement of the initial action giving rise to this resolution, an Order to Show Cause as may be issued by Board, or a new cause of action being filed pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(10), any or all of which could lead to additional sanctions, up to and including a revocation of Respondent's license.
 4. The parties agree to the continuing jurisdiction of Board and that the agreed discipline, terms of discipline, and licensure status will continue to apply until such time as Respondent's license is fully restored and all probationary terms have been removed even though the Board renews Respondent's license at a later date.
 5. The State agrees that the terms of the Proposed Settlement Agreement adopted by the Board resolve any and all outstanding claims or allegations or potential claims or allegations relating to disciplinary action against Respondent's

license arising out of facts and circumstances surrounding the complaint filed January 30, 2009.

6. The Respondent carefully read and examined the Proposed Settlement Agreement adopted herein by the Board, fully understood its terms, was represented by counsel and freely and voluntarily executed it. This Agreement, having been approved and incorporated in the final order, pursuant to the terms contained therein is a final disposition of all matters and not subject to judicial review.

HEADLEY/FRANK

Motion carried 4-0-1

*Dr. Waltz recused herself

*Dr. Marsh could not vote

VII. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

There were no settlement agreements before the Board.

VIII. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT

There were no notices of proposed default before the Board.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. John R. Boyce, D.V.M.

National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Re: NAVLE Update

AAVSB is eliminating the Boards need for approval for NAVLE candidates. The Board will no longer need to approve candidates for the NAVLE. Candidates will still need to comply with the ECFVG requirements. Even though they are approved to take the NAVLE examination it does not mean that they will be granted a license. This will be a separate issue and only the Board will be able to make that decision.

B. National Board Report

Re: August 2009

The Board reviewed the National Board Report.

C. Cate Daniels, VTNE program Administrator

American Association of Veterinary State Boards

Re: VTNE Changes Summer 2010

Ms. Vaught discussed with the Board that the January VTNE will be the last examination given by paper and pencil by our office. Starting in the summer of 2010, the examination will be a computer based test. They will have windows open in summer, fall and winter to take the examination.

D. American Association of Veterinary State Boards
Re: August 2009

The Board reviewed the AAVSB newsletter.

E. Robyn Kendrick, Executive Director
American Association of Veterinary State Boards
Re: Revised RACE Standards

The Board discussed the revised RACE standards.

F. Amie Lamoreaux Hesbach, MS, PT, CCRP, CCRT
President, Animal Rehabilitation Special Interest Group, APTA
APTA and IAVRPT Liaison to the AARV
Re: American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

X. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Endorsement

There were no endorsement applications for the Board to review.

B. Examination

There were no examination applications for the Board to review.

C. North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)

There were no NAVLE applications for the Board to review

D. Professional Corporation

There were no professional corporation applications for the Board to review

XI. RENEWALS

There were no renewal applications for the Board to review.

XII. PROBATIONARY REPORT

There were no probationary reports for the Board to review.

XIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Cincinnati Animal Referral and Emergency Center

"Nutrition: Why the Sick Patient Needs to Eat"
Cincinnati, Ohio
October 20, 2009
Hours Granted: 1

B. Cincinnati Animal Referral and Emergency Center
"Wound Management and Bandaging"
Cincinnati, Ohio
November 10, 2009
Hours Granted: 2

C. Merial, Ltd.
"Perioperative Pain Management in Dogs"
Evansville, Indiana
October 16, 2009
Hours Granted: 1.5

D. Webster Veterinary & Boehringer-Ingelheim
"Equine Dental Lecture & Wet Lab"
Sheridan, Indiana
November 5, 2009
Hours Granted: 8

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to approve all continuing education programs brought before the Board today.

FRANK/HEADLEY
Motion carried 4-0-0

*Dr. Waltz was not present for the vote

XIV. REPORTS

A. Consumer Complaints

Dr. Waltz advised she has received three consumer complaints since the last meeting. She has closed all three without bringing them before the board. She consulted with Purdue University on two of the complaints and concluded an informed decision could not be made on the third due to lack of information.

B. Controlled Substances Advisory Committee- Dr. Kovach

Dr. Kovach had nothing to report.

C. State Veterinarian's Report – Dr. Marsh

- Rabies Death – The Indiana State Department of Health reports a second human rabies death since 1959 in Clark County, Indiana. It was a bat rabies strain. No other details are available at this time.

- TB – They are still working in Southern Indiana on the TB infection. They are concentrating in the Franklin County area and will be collecting deer specimen from hunters to check for TB.
- H1N1 – The virus was discovered at the Minnesota State Fair a pig was diagnosed with H1N1. It was found during a blind study.
- Dog Breeders Bill – Registration begins January 1, 2010. You must register as a breeder if you have more than 20 females and the fee starts at \$75.00. The fee is established by statute. Also, one will have to have a broker's license if buying pets for resale and anyone selling more than 500 pets per year must obtain the license as well. This fee goes into an inspection fund.
- Proposition 2 – This is the bill passed in California for the standard care of agriculture animals. It states that veal calves cannot be kept in crates and hens cannot be caged.

XV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Veterinary Renewal

There have been 2,055 renewals out of 2,200 licensed veterinarians. Of that number, 1,803 have used the online renewal service. There have been 1,258 controlled substance registration renewals out of 2,055 controlled substance registrations.

B. Veterinary Technician Renewal

The renewal notices for registered veterinary technicians were emailed October 26, 2009 for those that have an email address on record. There are currently 795 registered veterinary technicians. Of that number there have been forty six registrations renewed. Our office will mail renewals to all others on Friday, October 30, 2009.

C. Veterinary Technician National Exam

This is a reminder that the next Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) will be held in Indianapolis on Friday, January 15, 2010.

XVI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Indiana Jurisprudence Examination

Ms. Vaught brought to the Board the idea of giving the Indiana jurisprudence examination for veterinarians electronically. Specifically, the exam will be emailed in a .pdf format along with an answer sheet and an affidavit that will need to be notarized. The candidate will send the answer sheet and affidavit to our office for scoring. This will eliminate paper exams and the need to have candidates come to Indianapolis. In doing so, the exam will become more convenient for candidates.

Board action: A motion was made and seconded to allow the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency to give the Indiana jurisprudence examination electronically beginning January 1, 2010.

HEADLEY/FRANK

Motion carried 4-0-0

*Dr. Waltz was not present to vote

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

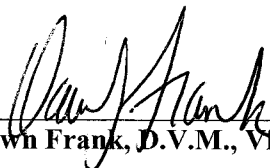
There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Ralph Welp, D.V.M., Chairman

12-7-09

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